



Press Release

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To: All Media
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Subject: UPDATE: Canyon Fire

Tehachapi, CA- On September 4, 2011 at approximately 11:30 A.M., the Kern County Fire Department responded to a reported aircraft down in the area of Blackburn Canyon just south of the city of Tehachapi which started a developing vegetation fire.

The Canyon Fire is now estimated at 3500 acres with 0% containment. Erratic winds and steep, rugged terrain have challenged firefighting efforts. 600 firefighters are on scene. Evacuation orders are in place for residences in areas that are south of Highline Road, north of Oak Creek, west of White Oak, and east Water Canyon. The Kern County Sheriff Office is evacuating residents in the affected areas. In addition, the ReadyKern system is also being used to advise residents of evacuations. An evacuation center has been set up at Jacobsen Junior High, 711 Anita Drive in Tehachapi.

The general public is advised to dial 211 for information about the fire.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Information Officer at (661) 330-0133.

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